

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

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-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Lord God, we gather in this place not because we are deserving of your love, nor because we have lived faithfully before your face. We gather here because you called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, and thanking you. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! You are great, and greatly to be praised. As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 8.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we long to enter your presence and worship you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness and glory, encouraged by your steadfast love. Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts, a hardness and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need of you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within; in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

***Confession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed¹

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Complete in Christ”
Colossians 1.1-4.18
Elder Chad Leinweber

*Song of Response

Hymn No.642

BE THOU MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Song of Thanksgiving**

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

Lyrics: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778, mod.

Music: Eileen Davis, 2000



1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing;
2. The work which his good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will com - plete;
3. My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - raise;



nor fear with your right - eous - ness on, my per - son and off - ring to bring.
his prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was fo - feit - ed yet.
im - pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace.



The ter - rors of law and of God with me can have no - thing to do;
Things fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or a - bove,
Yes, I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n;



my Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.
can make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.
more hap - py but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, is on break for the summer. It will resume in September.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets Fridays, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series entitled, "Leadership by the Book," in which 52 leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Women of Covenant: Book Club will meet Wednesday September 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. Copies of the book are available in the church library, if you would like to borrow one.

Sermon Notes: “Complete in Christ” (Colossians 1.1-4.18)

Prayer Concerns

The Persecuted Church: There are only a few thousand Christians out of half a million people in *Maldives*. Citizens are required to be Muslim, and conversion from Islam results in loss of citizenship and severe punishment under Sharia law. Even foreign workers who are Christians are closely monitored, and churches are outlawed. Pray that God gives the Maldives 'leaders a willingness to condone other religions. Pray that secret believers find fellowship with one another and access to the Bible. And pray that despite the fear of suffering, many who are Muslim will turn to Christ and be saved.

Rest for Your Souls: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt 11.28-30). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hallowell, Duane & Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Jason Lynch, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, Rich Parker and Doreen Teall* know Christ's rest this week as they look to him.

Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens: Sarah and the children are back in Northern Ireland, and Alister is back in *Kyiv*, beginning another school year leading The Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine. This is the first of five trips Alister will make to *Kyiv* this year. Pray for his leadership of the seminary and his teaching, that God blesses both for the benefit of those preparing for pastoral ministry. And, of course, continue to pray for an end to the war.

Valley Chapel: Pray for Rev. Paul Proctor, our church planter in Spokane Valley, that he leads the congregation well, that they grow in grace and truth, and that together they are used to touch and bless the lives of those around them with the good news of the gospel.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship following the service.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."